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1. On 31 October 1951, a westbound troop train of 32 cars with about 12 T-34 tanks, 2 3-axle armored vehicles and about 18 trucks [redacted] passed through the Erfurt railroad station. (1)
2. On 2 November, a troop train of 146 axles with soldiers, 16 short-barreled 152-mm artillery pieces and 8 long-barreled 152-mm artillery pieces, 24 caterpillar tractors and 19 trucks [redacted] was observed in Belzig at 4:30 a.m. and in Borkhoidt at 5:55 a.m. (1)
3. Between 26 October and 7 November, no troop trains went through the border station of Scheune.
4. [redacted] no troop trains passed through the subdistrict on 9, 12, 14 and 15 November. Shuttle trains with military personnel [redacted] on 10 November, included: [redacted] 52 boxcars and 1 gondola car from Justerbog-Altes Lager to Guben; [redacted] 57 boxcars and 1 gondola car from the direction of Falkenberg to Justerbog-Altes Lager; and [redacted] 52 boxcars and 1 gondola car from Guben to Justerbog-Altes Lager. (2)
5. Shuttle trains [redacted] with soldiers from the direction of Cottbus toward Kuestrin on 12 November; [redacted] with soldiers from the direction of Cottbus to Rosengarten on 11 November, empty from Rosengarten to Frankfurt/Oder for cleaning on 12 November, and with soldiers from Frankfurt/Oder to Guben [redacted] on 13 November; [redacted] with soldiers from Kuestrin-Grenze to Cottbus on 10 November, with soldiers from the direction of Cottbus toward Kuestrin on 12 November and again with soldiers from the direction of Cottbus toward Kuestrin on 16 November; and [redacted] with soldiers from the direction of Kuestrin toward Cottbus on 15 November. (2)
6. An unidentified shuttle train with soldiers went from the Guben border crossing point to Frankfurt/Oder on 11 November, and another train with soldiers from the direction of Cottbus toward Kuestrin on 14 November. (2)

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7. On 14 November, a train of 17 boxcars with soldiers, 8 flatcars with large containers and 1 refrigerator car with ration supplies was seen going to Koethen, coming from the Kuestrin-Cranze railroad station. (3)
8. The following troop trains were observed in Thuringia between 24 October and 11 November:

At 2 p.m. on 24 October. A train with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 14 T-34 tanks; 45-mm AT guns, and 8 trucks from Gotha to Erfurt.

At 3 p.m. on 24 October. A train with soldiers, 15 T-34 tanks and 8 trucks going from Gotha to Erfurt.

At 2:45 p.m. on 26 October. A train with soldiers, 16 T-34 tanks, 3 armored scout cars; and 14 trucks going from Gotha to Erfurt.

At 5 p.m. on 27 October. A train with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 22 short-barreled 122-mm artillery pieces with pneumatic tires; and 5 trucks from Gotha to Weimar.

At 12:30 p.m. on 28 October. A train with 21 long-barreled artillery pieces of about 150-mm, and 10 trucks observed at the Neudietendorf railroad station.

At 4:30 p.m. on 30 October. A train with 12 assault boats, an undetermined number of pontoons and bridge construction equipment; observed at the Erfurt railroad station, probably headed toward Gotha.

At 10:30 a.m. on 1 November. A train with 14 long-barreled artillery pieces of about 150-mm and 12 trucks; observed between Wandersleben and Neudietendorf, going toward Erfurt.

9. Supplementing a previous report, the following westbound shuttle trains with soldiers went to Frankfurt/Oder via Kuestrin, between 29 October and 9 November:

Date:

Number of
Boxcars

29 October
1 November
2 November
4 November
5 November
6 November
7 November
8 November
9 November

53
53
57
52
53
53
53
52
52

With the exception of 1 car with officers, all cars had closed doors. However, all of them had smoking stove pipes.

eastbound shuttle trains between 29 October and 10 November:

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	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Boxcars</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>From</u>
25X1	29 October	52	Empty	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder
25X1	31 October	31	Empty	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder
	3 November	52	Empty	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder
	4 November	44	Empty	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder
	5 November	35	Empty	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder
	7 November	53	Troops	Neustrelitz
	8 November	52	Troops	Neustrelitz
	9 November	53	Troops	Meimar
		53	Troops	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder
	10 November	53	Troops	From direction of Frankfurt/Oder

25X1 [REDACTED] Smoke emerging from the stove pipes on the roofs of the boxcars positively indicated that the cars were occupied. (5)

25X1 [REDACTED] Comments.

- 25X1 (1) [REDACTED] the train mentioned in paragraph 1 carried an element of the 15th Gds Tank Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and the train in paragraph 2, an element of the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam.
- (2) All of the shuttle trains mentioned in paragraphs 4 through 6 are reported for the first time.
- (3) The two fighter regiments stationed at Koethen airfield were transferred to Zerbst in early October 1951. The train mentioned in paragraph 7 of the present report may possibly indicate the pending arrival of a new air force unit from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- 25X1 (4) [REDACTED] the trains of 24 October may have carried a tank component of the 20th Gds Mocz Div from Jena and the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels respectively; that of 26 October the 28th Gds Tank Regt of the 21st Gds Mocz Div from Halle; that of 27 October an artillery unit of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps; and that of 28 October the 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Merseburg. The identity of the units on the two trains of 30 October and 1 November cannot be determined.
- 25X1 (5) Trains that are reported for the first time include the four westbound trains on 29 October, 1, 2, and 9 November, and the eastbound trains on 29 and 31 October. All other trains were mentioned in two previous reports [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] Between 3 October and 15 November, a total of 26 trains with recruits and 13 or 14 trains with discharges crossed the Oder River line.

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